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Superintendent's Office,
AUSTIN, FEBRUARY 18, 1861.

To the Hon. .....

SIR:—It is a duty pleasing to me, to communicate to you the fact that the sections of our State Lunatic Asylum which have been for the last two years under contract, are at length completed, and will be ready on the 10th day of March ensuing, for the reception of those for whom the benevolence and philanthropy of our State Legislature have erected and designed the Institution. But to obviate the inconvenience of any disappointment on the part of immediate or future applicants for admission, I respectfully beg leave to call your attention, and also that of the community in general to the Legislative Enactments and Ordinance of the Board of Managers, by both of which the Superintendent must be undeviatingly controled.

It is, I trust unnecessary to make any special reference to the particular sections of the statute relative to legal proceedings necessary to be taken in sending patients to the Asylum, as the Superintendent must in all cases act in accordance with the Statute and By-Laws governing the Institution, a copy of which is herewith transmitted to all the Chief Justices in the State. It is therefore recommended and confidently hoped, that both the Statute and By-Laws will be strictly complied with by the Courts.

To remove the remotest occasion of inconvenience and additional expense, and every pretext of complaint or disappointment, it has been deemed advisable by the Board of Managers to District the State, (that all may avail themselves of equal advantages,) making the Senatorial division of thirty-three, the established standard; and as sixty patients is the highest number that can be accommodated under any circumstances, it is therefore evident that not more than two places can at any time be justly claimed by each District, while those of one years standing and under, it will be seen by reference to Section 14, Oldham & White's Digest, page 310, have an invariable right of preference over chronic cases, and the latter over private patients. Notice will also be given at such times as when vacancies may occur by the discharge of some of the inmates or otherwise; or if one or more of the districts already enumerated scould have no applications to make, the vacancies thus occurring may be filled up from other localities having a greater number than provided for by the action of the Board of Managers.

Trusting then to Divine assistance, and assuring you that diligent attention and care shall neither be neglected nor omitted on our part,

I am Respectfully,

Your Ob't Sv't.,
B. GRAHAM, M. D.
Medical Officer and Sup't.

N. B.—The Superintendent would call particular attention of all interested to the following resolutions passed by the Board of Managers, viz:

"*Resolved* 1st, That the Chief Justices of counties shall in all instances ascertain from the Superintendent of the Texas State Lunatic Asylum, if there is a vacancy in the Asylum, before sending patients.

And whereas, misunderstandings as to the interpretation of responsibility on the part of counties on account of patients sent who may not have resided in the counties for the period of six months or more. It is thefore further

Resolved, That the counties sending patients will in all instances be required to pay for his or her board, clothing, and delivery to, and removal from the Asylum. Said payments to be made quarterly in advance as provided for in the By-Laws."

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